

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE LOVELAND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Loveland Rural Fire Protection District was held at Fire Station No. 1, 410 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Loveland, Colorado on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 5:30 P.M.

The following members were present: Dave Legits, Mike McKenna, Barry Gustafson, Leroy Anderson and Jeff Swanty.

Also present were:

Greg White, Secretary, Loveland Rural Fire Protection District  
Chief Randy Mirowski, Loveland Fire and Rescue  
Renee Wheeler, Loveland Fire and Rescue  
Ned Sparks, Loveland Fire and Rescue  
Merlin Green, Loveland Fire and Rescue  
Michael Cervoski, Loveland Fire and Rescue  
Zach Sullivan, Loveland Fire and Rescue  
Bill Lundquist, Big Thompson Canyon Volunteer Fire Department

President Legits called the meeting to order.

White reviewed the results of the May 2012 Mill Levy Election. He provided the Board with a copy of the Judges' Certificate which indicated the number of ballots mailed out, received, votes, and miscellaneous information. White presented to the Board the preliminary findings of the voter study conducted by Bridget Cassidy from using the Poll Book information of returned ballots. The chart tracked party affiliation, gender, gender plus party affiliation, age, and precinct. White stated that Bridget will provide more information on the top ten precincts and also a map locating individual voters.

White stated that the next opportunities to go back to the voters for a mill levy increase would be November 2012, November 2013, and May 2014.

Renee Wheeler presented the Board with a Projection of Cash Reserves Available, 2012 –2014. Wheeler and White reviewed the information with the Board. The financial information is based upon 2012 anticipated expenditures and the 2013 projected budget including supplemental requests. The financial projection indicates that the ending balance for the Rural District on December 31, 2013 would be \$95,000. White stated that this included spending the Self-Insurance Reserve Fund.

The Board then began a discussion of whether or not the Rural District should place a mill levy increase on the November 2012 General Election ballot. The discussion focused on the benefits and negatives of moving forward with the mill levy election in 2012. The consensus of the Board as to the benefits were as follows:

- The recent fires have lead to a heightened awareness of the necessity of providing fire response to large portions of the Rural District.

- Even if the mill levy election does not pass in November 2012, the Rural District still has an opportunity to review the results of the election, organize a campaign, and place a ballot issue on the November 2013 election.
- Chief Mirowski and members of the Department expressed their opinion that firefighters would like to move forward this November and felt that the Department, on a voluntary basis, would provide necessary campaign resources.
- Passage of a mill levy increase would enable the Rural District to meet its current obligations to the Fire Authority and not spend down all of its reserves in anticipation of a mill levy increase in November 2013.

The following were negatives with regard to proceeding in November 2012:

- There is insufficient time to organize a citizens campaign for a November 2012 election.
- The Rural District would be limited in its ability to provide any funding with regard to preparation for the election.
- One of the factors contributing to the May 2012 result was the fact that there was no identified negative to the Rural voters if the mill levy increase was not approved. It is necessary to provide the Rural voters with information as to the negative implications on service levels for failure to approve sufficient revenues for the Rural District to meet its obligations. Chief Mirowski commented that it was his opinion that this issue could be resolved in a fairly short period of time prior to the beginning of campaign for the November 2012 election.
- White stated that it was his opinion that the cost of the election would be approximately \$30,000.

Following discussion, upon motion by Swanty, seconded by McKenna, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized White, Mirowski, and Wheeler to prepare the necessary information in anticipation of the Board approving the referral of a ballot question to the voters on the November 2012 general election ballot.

White requested that a special meeting be set for next Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> in the event that the Board needs to take any official action based upon the election calendar for the November 2012 general election. Upon motion by McKenna, seconded by Gustafson, and unanimously carried, the Board set a special meeting for Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at Fire Station No. 1 for this purpose.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned

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Gregory A. White, Secretary  
Assistant Treasurer

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President